

~~SECRET~~

ATTN : Chief, St/I/R
THRU : Chief, D/S
Chief, S/TR

17 December 1956

25X1A9a

Priority Requirements for 1957 Salient Questions for USSR

25X1A2g

Following are the priority requirements of this branch for the 1957 Salient Questions for USSR

25X1A2g

1) The following questions on the Trans-Siberian have the highest priority to assist in completing a reassessment of the capability of this railroad:

- a) From Achinsk to Silyudyanka, how many signals are found on one side of the track only, between each station?
- b) From Silyudyanka to Vladivostok are signals found only at stations, or within a kilometer on either side of a station?
- c) Counts of traffic are needed, as outlined in standing requirements, to permit calculating the changes in traffic between 1956 and 1957, and also changes in traffic during 1957, particularly of tank car movements.
- d) To what extent has a third or fourth track been laid between Omsk and Novosibirsk?
- e) What is approximate weight and condition of rail around the Amur bend? Has this section of the line been or is it being rock ballasted? What type of locomotives are in use from Chita to Vladivostok?

2) Is there a railroad line under construction or in operation between the following points: Salekhard-Yermakovo or Igarka; Dudinka-Igarka; Igarka-Krasnoyarsk?

3) Traffic counts are needed for a current project on the Turkestan RR, with particular reference to trains met and overtaken, types of freight cars and visible types of cargo.

4) An eastbound trip on the South Siberian, with careful observation of yards, multiple trackage, and traffic is needed.

5) Bratsk-Lena Branch

Any and all data that can be obtained from observation is needed on this line. Is line being extended beyond present terminus? Do Lena River transfer points (Ust Kut, Osetrovo, and Lena), appear to constitute a large scale or impressive operation? What warehouse capacity exists there? What commodities are stored waiting to move? Any observations of river craft.

6) Kamchatka rail construction

Information on the existence or construction of any railroad on Kamchatka is of value.

7) Is there a railroad line under construction or in operation leading in any direction out of Magadan? If so, what is its gauge?

25X1A9a

25X1A9a

ORR/S/T [REDACTED] 1r/657 (17 December 1956)